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1. General Statement: There were no substantial changes in the general order of battle situation in the Russian armed forces in the Russian Zone of Germany during the period 6 to 13 December 1951.
2. Soviet Ground Forces in Germany: In regard to the regrouping of units in the Eighth Guards Army billeting area, it is believed that the unidentified rocket launcher regiment of the 28th Guards Motorized Rifle Corps was transferred from Gera to Rudolstadt in mid-November. The identity of the heavy anti-tank artillery unit which arrived in Saalfeld from the direction of Zeitz could not be determined.
3. The previous indications that the exchange of personnel in the Russian Zone would end during the first third of December have proved true. A minimum total of 56 west bound trains with approximately 60,000 recruits and a minimum total of 43 east bound trains with approximately 52,000 discharges have been observed between 3 October and 5 December.
4. Soviet Air Forces in Germany: The flying personnel of the nine fighter regiments of the divisions at Finow, Grossenhain, and Alt Loennewitz left the Russian Zone, but the three division headquarters and independent technical battalions remained at the fields.
5. A maximum number of 74 crated MiG 15's were observed on 14 east bound trains since the transfer of units began in October, but most of the aircraft belonging to the units concerned remained in the Russian Zone. Numbers observed on aircraft still in the Russian Zone are the same as those reported before the movement of these units. Aircraft numbers of these units have been observed at several airfields in the Russian Zone since 20 October.
6. The radio installations of the affected units are in the same locations as before the movement in October.
7. Three trainloads of air force personnel from the USSR were observed bound for Koethen during the period of relocation. Other personnel of undetermined origin arrived at Finow during the same period. The only train which came from the east and carried aircraft crates observed to date went to Grossenhain.

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8. Jet aircraft has been newly stationed at Finow since the end of October, at Koethen since 4 November, and at Brandis since 2 December. Aircraft numbers reported from these fields are the same as those previously observed in the Northern and Southern Fighter Corps. Up to 13 December, only individual flights have been observed at the above fields. There are indications that these flights are conducted for training or retraining of pilots. This is corroborated by the fact that most of the planes observed in the air are two-seater MiG 15's. The APN of the independent technical battalion at Brandis is the same as the one reported from there before October.
9. There are indications that the new fighter regiments in the Russian Zone were organized from new personnel, aircraft left behind by the units which left the Russian Zone, and some recently arrived planes. It is probable that these new units will be organized into divisions under the division headquarters which remained in the Russian Zone. This is presumed from the activation of new units at Finow, Koethen, and Brandis.
10. There has been no significant reshuffling of components of the units at Laerz, Puetnitz, and Zerbst. The divisions at these fields remain unchanged in strength and composition.
11. As has been anticipated, two bomber regiments with Type 27 and Type 30 aircraft have moved from Jueterbog to Werneuchen. There are indications that these types may be used as reconnaissance planes but confirmation is required.

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